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SUBJECT: GREEK PARTICIPATION IN EXERCISE DISPLAY
DETERMINATION

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1. GREEK EMBASSY CONTACTED DEPARTMENT ON TWO
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OCCASIONS JUNE 11 TO DISCUSS ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM ATHENS
SEVERAL ISSUES CONCERNING GREEK PARTICIPATION IN EXERCISE
DISPLAY DETERMINATION.

2. GREEKS SAID THAT WHEN GREECE WAS FIRST CONSIDERING
WHETHER TO PARTICIPATE IN DISPLAY DETERMINATION, A CERTAIN
SET OF GROUND RULES OBTAINED. LATER, WHEN IT MAY HAVE

APPEARED TO SOME THAT GREECE MIGHT NOT PARTICIPATE, GROUND RULES WERE CHANGED. GREEKS ALLEGE CHANGES WERE RESULT OF TURKISH PRESSURE. UNDER THE ORIGINAL GROUND RULES, GREEK OFFICER WOULD HAVE COMMANDED BLUE FORCES. IF GREECE DOES NOT PARTICIPATE, GOG BELIEVES THAT THE COMMAND OF BLUE FORCES MIGHT BE GIVEN TO A TURKISH OFFICER.

3. GREEK EMBASSY INDICATED THAT IF CHANGE IN GROUND RULES RESULTING FROM TURKISH PRESSURE REMAINS EFFECTIVE, THIS WILL ENDANGER AND IMPEDE GREECE'S EFFORTS TO REGULARIZE ITS

RELATIONS WITH NATO. GREEKS SAID IT WILL BE NECESSARY EITHER TO RETURN TO THE OLD COMMAND ARRANGEMENT, OR EXERCISE DISPLAY DETERMINATION WILL HAVE TO BE CONDUCTED OUTSIDE AEGEAN WATERS.

4. GREEKS DID NOT COMMIT GOG TO PARTICIPATE IF "OLD" COMMAND ARRANGEMENT WERE RESTORED, INDICATING ONLY THAT GRELCE WOULD CERTAINLY NOT PARTICIPATE UNLESS "OLD" ARRANGEMENT WERE RESTORED.

5. GREEKS INDICATED THAT GREEK AMBASSADOR TO NATO 'AGAKOS HAD PRESENTED SIMILAR DEMARCHE TO SYG LUNS.

6. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE BACKGROUND ON PLANNING FOR EXERCISE AND REMARKS FROM USNATO AND OTHER ADDRESSEES ON CONFIDENTIAL

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HOW TO RESPOND TO GREEKS AND WHERE REPLY CAN BEST BE DELIVERED. VANCE

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